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Capital at Bellary.

475 Q.—Mr. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—“ To ask the Hon’ble the Minister for Local Self-Government to state—

(a) whether the extensions and improvements to the hospital at Bellary, referred to in the answer given by Government to question No. 248, dated 14th February 1921 (put at the meeting of the Legislative Council of that date), have been completed, or are still in progress;

(b) in the latter case, how long will it take for the improvements to be completed; and

(c) when the Government are likely to establish the promised medical school at Bellary.

A—(a) & (b) The extensions and improvements referred to have not been commenced. They form part of a general scheme of improvements to headquarter hospitals, a programme of which is being drawn up by the Surgeon-General. The scheme can only be worked out gradually with reference to the comparative urgency of the needs of the several hospitals and the amount of funds available.

(c) The Government are not in a position to give a definite answer at present.

Irrigation projects in Bellary district.

476 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—“ To ask the Hon’ble the Revenue Member to state—

(a) what irrigation projects have been so far investigated in the Bellary district, and have not been abandoned;

(b) how many, and which of them, are productive works, and what is their estimated cost and probable return;

(c) how many and which of them are protective works, and what is their estimated cost and return;

(d) the irrigation projects the investigation of which is in progress, and the probable dates by which their investigation would be completed; and

(e) the irrigation projects the investigation of which is yet to be taken up.

A.—A statement giving the information as far as traceable is laid on the table.*

Loans under Land Improvement Act and Agricultural Loans Act.

477 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—“ To ask the Hon’ble the Revenue Member to state talakwar—

(a) the total amount for which applications for loans under the Land Improvement Act and the Agricultural Loans Act were received from the ryots of the Bellary, Siruguppa, Adōni, Alur and Rayadrug taluks of the Bellary district during the months of October to February 1921, respectively; and

(b) the total amounts disbursed under the two Acts during the above months.

A.—The Government have no information.

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—“ The answer to the question is that the Government have no information. We want to get the information and to say that they have no information is helpless. Would they obtain the information?”

The Hon’ble Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD HABIB-UL-LAH SAHIB Bahadur :—

“ The Government have really no information because all the loans are sanctioned by the Collector. If the member insists on my calling on the Collector to send a tabular statement, I have no objection to do so.”

* Vide Appendix III on page 932 infra.

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Diwan Bahadur P. KESAVA PILLAI:—"May I know, Sir, if the Government have no information about the allotments made to each district?"

The Hon'ble Sir LIONEL DAVIDSON:—"On a point of order, Sir, the question relates to what applications were received and what amounts were disbursed, not to what allotments were provided. There should be a separate notice and a separate question in regard to that issue."

Diwan Bahadur P. KESAVA PILLAI:—"The Collector knew what amounts were distributed. That was the answer. The Government have no information about the amounts given to the applicants. May I know if the Honourable Member can give us the allotment made to the Anantapur district?"

The Hon'ble the PRESIDENT:—"The question is for information about applications for loans received from ryots. If the Honourable Member wants any further information unconnected with that, he must put a separate question."

Diwan Bahadur P. KESAVA PILLAI:—"I put that question in order to elucidate the difficulty expressed by the ryots that they have no money. The officers say that no allotments were received. So I want to make it clear what allotment is made to the Anantapur district."

The Hon'ble the PRESIDENT:—"I quite see that the Honourable Member has some very *bona fide* object in view in putting that question; but at present the supplementary question is out of order; so I do not allow it."

Marina loop line.

478 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR: "To ask the Hon'ble the Home Member to state—

- (a) the year in which the Marina loop line was abandoned;
- (b) whether the expression of public feeling manifested against the construction of the line alongside the Marina was confined to a particular community or communities, and, if so, to what communities; and
- (c) whether the Government will be pleased to place the connected papers on the table.

A.—(a) 1903.

- (b) & (c) The connected papers are placed on the table * of the Council.

Resettlement of red-soil taluks of Bellary and Anantapur.

479 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR: "To ask the Hon'ble the Member for Revenue to state—

- (a) the progress so far made in the resettlement of the red-soil taluks of the Bellary and Anantapur districts; and
- (b) the names of typical villages selected for conducting an investigation regarding
 - (i) the principal profession followed;
 - (ii) the principal land-owning castes;
 - (iii) the alienations to outsiders;
 - (iv) the extent of cultivation in the occupied ayacut;
 - (v) the patta land left waste;
 - (vi) the supplementary sources of income of small pattadars;
 - (vii) the debts contracted under mortgage, etc., the rates of interests, the caste and status of creditors and debtors.